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1. The Mitteldeutsche Druckerei- und Verlagsgesellschaft GmbH., located in Halle/Saale at Gr. Virichstrasse 10, publishes Die Freiheit, the organ of the Saxony-Anhalt SED party management. The firm employs 700 workers.

2. The exact number of copies printed is kept secret but is estimated to be around 70,000.

3. The following is a list of the most important persons on the staff of Die Freiheit:

Horst Sinnermann - editor-in-chief (SED), came from Berlin in March 1952

Willi Schurert - business manager (SED)

(fmu) Kobitz - editor (SED)

(fmu) Singer - editor (SED)

Marie Schmidt - editor (SED)

(There are other editors who are graduates of the VK\* school.)

4. Local publishing houses of Die Freiheit are located in Littenberg, Bitterfeld, Dessau, Merseburg, Weissenfels, Haldensleben, and Goitz. These offices are responsible for filling in the local news of the various districts which they serve.

5. The publishing house also publishes:

a. VK, Hämmer, Pflug, und Sichel - for the information of the VK

b. Leuna-Zeitung - 20,000 copies, is on sale at the Leuna-Werk for 0.65 D. every Tuesday and Friday, contains political news and local plant news. The Friday edition includes a propaganda number in the DIN A 5 -Form, which the subscribers are to send to West Germany in connection with the letter-writing campaign.

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6. The employees are mostly former SPD members, who discuss among themselves the important RIAS broadcasts. There is no interested discussion in the Party schools, and the employees attend the restricted motion picture showings unwillingly. These showings are necessary, because people go very often to see DEFA or Russian films.

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